

"In its resolution 647 (1990) of 11 January 1990, the Security Council confirmed its agreement to the measures contained in my letter of 9 January³ concerning the arrangements for the temporary deployment in Afghanistan and Pakistan of military officers from existing United Nations operations to assist in the mission of good offices for a further period of two months. These arrangements will come to an end on 15 March 1990. My consultations with the signatories to the Agreements on the Settlement of the Situation Relating to Afghanistan, signed at Geneva on 14 April 1988,⁶ indicate that another extension of the existing arrangements would not meet with the necessary consensus.

"In the light of the above and having reviewed the mandate the Organization has given to me to encourage and facilitate the early realization of a comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan, I intend to redeploy a limited number of military officers as military advisers to my Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan to assist in the further implementation of the responsibilities entrusted to me by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/15 of 1 November 1989 and in particular

paragraph 10 thereof. The military officers will be detached temporarily from existing United Nations operations, with the concurrence of their respective countries.

"I wish to take this opportunity to place on record my appreciation for the manner in which Colonel Heikki Happonen (Finland), Deputy Representative, and the officers and civilian staff have performed their duties, in very difficult circumstances. I trust that it will be possible for me to retain the services of some of the officers who have served until now, in their new capacity as military advisers to Mr. Benon Sevan, my Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan."

In a letter dated 28 March 1990,¹⁰ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 12 March 1990⁹ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council, who have no objection to the action you propose."

¹⁰ S/21218

**LETTER DATED 3 JANUARY 1990 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL**

Decision

At its 2905th meeting, on 17 January 1990, the Council decided to invite the representative of Nicaragua to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Letter dated 3 January 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21066)".¹¹

¹¹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1990*.

ITEMS RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST¹²

The situation in the Middle East

Decision

At its 2906th meeting, on 31 January 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/21102)".¹³

Resolution 648 (1990)

of 31 January 1990

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982, as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 25 January 1990,¹⁴ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

¹² Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

¹³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1990*.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/21102.

Taking note of the letter dated 11 January 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,¹⁵

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. Decides to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 July 1990;

2. Reiterates its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. Re-emphasizes the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,¹⁶ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;

4. Reiterates that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned with the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the
2906th meeting.

Decision

At its 2925th meeting, on 31 May 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/21305)".¹⁷

Resolution 655 (1990)

of 31 May 1990

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,¹⁸

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately its resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 30 November 1990;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, at the end of this period, a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement Security Council resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted unanimously at the
2925th meeting.

¹⁵ Ibid., document S/21074.

¹⁶ Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978, document S/12611.

¹⁷ See Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990.

¹⁸ Ibid., document S/21305.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 655 (1990), the President made the following statement:¹⁹

"In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force¹⁸ states, in paragraph 24: "Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached." That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

At its 2931st meeting, on 31 July 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1)".²⁰

Resolution 659 (1990)

of 31 July 1990

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982, as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 24 and 26 July 1990,²¹ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

Taking note of the letter dated 16 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,²²

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. Decides to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 January 1991;

2. Reiterates its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. Re-emphasizes the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,¹⁶ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to

¹⁹ S/21338.

²⁰ See Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1990.

²¹ Ibid., documents S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

²² Ibid., document S/21396.